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### **MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **APRIL 12, 2012**

Attendees: LaTeisha Adams, Todd Grossman, Gary Litchfield, and Joseph Esposito

The meeting convened at 11:11am.

- Approved minutes from March 8, 2012 meeting ((3-0))
- Suspension list from events on March 17, 2012 and April 1, 2012 were approved (3-0)
- John Downey addressed the Commission concerning fighting again (lost last 7 MMA fights, boxed on March 22<sup>nd</sup> was knocked out 42 seconds into the first round for approximately 4 minutes). John has been training twice a week and wants this to be his last MMA fight. Promoter Michael Polvere spoke about the competitiveness of the match-up. A vote was taken (2-2) Todd Grossman and LaTeisha Adams opposed. John will only be allowed to fight if his 90 day suspension is lifted by Rhode Island; a completed application must be sent in; cardio testing must be reviewed by the Medical Advisory Board and John sends in videos of his fights to be reviewed by LaTeisha and Todd. John does not need to come back before the Board.
- Fred Mandracchia will be notified to come before the Board for a hearing concerning his altered medicals.
- The review of the licensing process was discussed with promoters. Concerns included the 30 day rules on medicals, all fighters must have a social security number in order to get licensed and the 7 Day Rule for fighters to be licensed before an event. Most insurance companies will only pay for routine medical tests to be done once a year. The administrative staff suggested to send all completed applications in as soon as medicals are done and not wait until an event comes up to get licensed. Todd Grossman discussed reciprocity with the other New England states for licensing. A meeting will be set up in the future between the Commissions to see if all would be willing to adhere to a universal standard.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> CFX event decision was questioned on the Lowell Zangri vs Fran Collins fight. The Commission voted to approve a no contest decision on that bout (4-0).
- Patrick Early's injury sustained from sharp object on the cage floor at the CFX 3/17/12 show. There was a portion of the mat not completely padded at the time of the match that resulted in the fighter getting cut on the

back of his head. Gary Litchfield said that would be a malfunction of equipment. Motion made to change decision to a no contest approved (3-1) Joe Esposito abstained.

- Corey Sands, second application denied (4-0); altered a doctor sign off form on Miles Reid, will be notified to come before the Board for a hearing.
- New Business – Ronald Thompson, Jr's promoter application was reviewed and approved (4-0).

Nicholas Mahmood's MMA judge application was approved (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.